

Resources for Youth Librarians on the Web

Advocacy



Children's Defense Fund: <http://www.childrendefense.org/>

Marian Wright Edelman's organization devoted to being a voice for the voiceless.

National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance: <http://www.thencbla.org/index.html>

The main goal of the NCBLA is to make issues related to young people's literacy, literature, and libraries an ongoing priority on our national agenda. Site has info on getting kids and books together. There are good quotes, facts and statistics you can use to help your case.

Search Institute: <http://www.search-institute.org/>

The Search Institute is an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide leadership, knowledge, and resources to promote healthy children, youth, and communities. They are the originators of the list of 40 Developmental Assets needed by adolescents to grow up healthy, caring and responsible. There are now also 40 identified developmental assets for preschoolers and children in grades 4-6.

ALA

American Association of School Librarians (AASL):

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/index.cfm>

Everything for the school library specialist. Includes sections on advocacy, awards and grants, career development, discussion lists, intellectual freedom, and technology.

Association for Library Services for Children (ALSC):

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/index.cfm>

Resources supporting children's librarians. Contains links to booklists, online children's libraries, children's literature, summer reading, youth organizations and discussion lists. Check out the section under "For Librarians and Educators."

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA):

<http://www.ala.org/ala/valsa/profdev/professionaldevelopment.htm>

Tools for working with young adults. Contains articles and links to helpful websites. Topics include dealing with specific issues (tragedy, relationships, spirituality) booktalking, ESL, intellectual freedom, multicultural resources, and programming. New tools include information on social networking sites and a Legislative Advocacy Guide.

Authors/Illustrators

Children's Book Council: <http://www.cbcbooks.org/about/ourmembers>

The CBC's web site includes a listing of some of the authors and illustrators published by their member publishers, and links to those individuals' sites.

McBookwords: Authors and Illustrators on the Web:

<http://www.mcelmeel.com/curriculum/authorlinks/>

Sharon McElmeel's author site. Links to dozens of authors' own sites.

Bibliographies

Amelia Bloomer Project: <http://www.libr.org/FTF/bloomer.html>

Lists of feminist children's books selected by year.

Nontraditional gender roles: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/children/gender.html>

An excellent, but unannotated, bibliography compiled by the Allen County, Indianapolis Library.

Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12:

<http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/>

Annual list put out by the National Science Teachers Association.

Booktalks

Nancy Keane's Booktalks Quick and Simple: <http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/>

A searchable database of booktalks. You can also browse under author, title, subject, and age level. Other features of this website include links to online book review sources and over 800 suggested reading lists.

Boys and Reading

Boy Meets Books: <http://www.geocities.com/talestoldtall/BoysandBooks.htm>

Website of Michael Sullivan, author of *Connecting Boys with Books: What Libraries Can Do* (ALA, 2003).

Guys Read: <http://www.guysread.com/>

Jon Scieszka's website lists books that boys enjoy and it has downloadable posters, sticker and bookmarks.

Children's Book Reviews

Book Wink: <http://www.bookwink.com>

Karen MacPherson reviews books for Scripps Howard news Service; her column is picked up by several newspapers around the country. The easiest way to find her columns is to search for Karen MacPherson on Google News.

The Fourth Musketeer: <http://www.fourthmusketeer.blogspot.com>

A Fuse #8 Production: <http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/afuse8production>

Gender Equality Bookstore: <http://www.GenderEqualBooks.com>

Kidlitosphere Central: <http://www.kidlitosphere.org/>

KidsReads.com: <http://www.kidsreads.com>

Suffolk Web: <http://youth.suffolk.lib.ny.us/prores.html>

Waking Brain Cells: <http://kidslit.menashalibrary.org/>

Children's Literature

Carol Hurst's children's literature website: <http://www.carolhurst.com/>

One of the best sites for teaching ideas using children's books.

Center for Children's Books: <http://ccb.lis.uiuc.edu/>

A companion to the "Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books," this website has a section for librarians with bibliographies, collection development info, advice on handling book challenges, and programming bibliographies. There are also bimonthly thematic reading lists for all ages.

Children's and YA Books in Series: <http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/series/juv/>

The Juvenile Series and Sequels' database from the Mid-continent, MO Public Library currently contains over 23,000 books in series. Titles are classified into three audiences: young adult, juvenile and easy.

The Children's Book Council: <http://www.cbcbooks.org/>

Sponsor of Children's Book Week, the Council maintains a page with a list of its member publishers, some bibliographies including a bimonthly thematic reading list, and information for prospective authors and illustrators.

Children's Picture Book Database from Miami University:

<http://www.lib.muohio.edu/pictbks/>

Search this website of 5000 picture books by keyword.

Cooperative Children's Book Center: <http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/>

This unique resource in Madison, Wisconsin has a large non-circulating children's book collection and produces excellent bibliographies. Good links on website. Especially strong in multicultural literature.

Cynthia Leitch Smith: <http://www.cynthialeitchsmith.com/index.html>

Not only is there information about this author on her website, but excellent bibliographies and links. Good site for info on Native American literature.

Fairrosa Cyber Library: <http://www.fairrosa.info/>

Fairrosa Cyber Library is Roxanne Hsu Feldman's personal cyber collection of materials found on the Web related to Children's Literature. The strengths of this website are that its Reference Shelf includes extensive author/illustrator lists, booklists, and useful links, and the "Reading Room" has full-text classic books, and folk and fairy tales.

Helping Books Collection: <http://www.helpingbooks.lib.oh.us/>

A website maintained by Ohio librarians that lists books for bibliotherapy and character education, searchable by subject.

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators: <http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/>

This site, containing thousands of web pages in many categories, is primarily for teachers. For librarians, there is a Reference and Librarians section, and the rest can be used for programming and helping young adults.

Kay Vandergrift's site: <http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/~kvander/>

An amazing resource for the student/practitioner of children's literature and authors of children's literature. Contains info on the history of children's literature, how to evaluate children's books, and a lot about multicultural and feminist literature.

Kids Read: www.kidsreads.com

Good resource for info on series titles, plus features new recommended books. Has an all-Harry Potter site that they launched just before the release of #7.

Lists of YA books in series: http://vaseries.bettendorflibrary.com/index.php/Main_Page

This site is done by the Bettendorf, Iowa Public Library.

Oyate: <http://www.oyate.org/>

Oyate is a native organization working to see that their lives and cultures are portrayed accurately. They sell books that they recommend and have a short list of books that are not recommended.

The Purple Crayon: Writing Illustrating and Publishing Children's books:

<http://www.underdown.org/>

This site is maintained by Harold Underdown, author of books on writing children's books, and is the best place to refer prospective authors.

Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators: <http://www.scbwi.org/>

Website of THE organization prospective and current authors and illustrators should join for info and support.

Clip Art

Discovery School clip art: <http://school.discovery.com/clipart/>

General topics that kids would like (e.g. sports, schools etc.).

Soo-Hyoung's Library Clipart: <http://user.chollian.net/%7Esadrain1/clipart/index.html>

Collection Development

Sources for out of print books:

- **ABE books:** <http://www.abebooks.com/>
- **AddAll:** <http://www.addall.com/>
Compares prices and availability for O.P. books at multiple sites
- **Alibris:** <http://www.alibris.com/>
- **Biblio.com:** <http://www.biblio.com>
- **FetchBook:** <http://www.fetchbook.info/>
Like AddAll, searches multiple sites for book availability and pricing.

Early Literacy

Department of Libraries Early Literacy Initiative:

<http://libraries.vermont.gov/libraries/cbec/eli>

National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center:

<http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/poptopics/brain.html>

Links to organizations and publications that have information on recent research into brain development in the young child.

Saroj Ghoting, Early Childhood Literacy Consultant: <http://earlylit.net/>

Great resources for background information and help for incorporating early literacy into storytimes and parent trainings.

StoryBlocks: <http://www.StoryBlocks.org>

A website of one-minute videos of fingerplays with an early literacy tip integrated into each one.

Graphic Novels

Comics Worth Reading: <http://www.comicsworthreading.com/>

Comics reviewer and enthusiast Johanna Draper Carlson's site provides tidbits of news and critical reviews (to which readers can respond) of comics and graphic novels. Her site has been described as providing "entertaining, insightful, and above all honest" reviews of all genres of comic books by "an excellent writer and a shrewd judge of what's good and bad in comics today."

Great Graphic Novels for Teens:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/valsa/booklistsawards/greatgraphicnovelsforteens/gn.cfm>

Annual list of recommended graphic novels for teens (American Library Association/Young Adult Library Services Association).

No flying, No tights: <http://www.noflyingnotights.com/index2.html>

Reviews of graphic novels. Has a separate section on books appropriate for elementary schools and ones for older teens, but neither of those has been updated since 2005. The main site is run by Robin Brenner, Teen Librarian, Brookline, MA Public Library.

Thirty-Nine Graphic Novels That Kids Can't Resist:

http://www.libraryjournal.com/slj/home/891089-312/comic_relief_thirty-nine_graphic_novels.html.csp

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What Parents, Teens, Teachers and Librarians Want to Know About Graphic Novels:

<http://www.informationoddess.ca/Comics&GraphicNovels/index.htm>

This terrific site created by a Canadian teacher-librarian offers targeted information for each audience (parents, teens, teachers/librarians) along with FAQs, recommended titles, and links. A great starter site for those interested in graphic novels.

Intellectual Freedom

ALA Support: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/intfreedom/index.cfm>

Brochure for kids:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/issuesadv/intellectualfreedom/kidsknowyourrights.pdf>

A four page downloadable brochure for kids grades 5 and up on intellectual freedom and their right to privacy.

Internet Safety

Child Safety on the Information Highway: <http://www.safekids.com/child-safety-on-the-information-highway/>

This is the classic brochure for parents from the Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

i-safe: <http://www.isafe.org>

This program, begun in 1998, is used a lot in schools to teach Internet safety.

Librarian's Guide to Great Websites for Kids: <http://www.ala.org/greatsites>

Helpful publication from ALA that is actually aimed at parents, not librarians, and discusses safety, netiquette, family rules, etc.

SafeTeens: <http://safeteens.com/>

Links to articles about Internet safety, advice for parents, and the entire text of "Teen Safety on the Information Highway."

Stay Safe: <http://www.staysafe.org>

Information for children, teens and parents. Has concrete tips on keeping your computer safe, as well as behavioral advice.

Journals

Book Links: Connecting Books, Libraries and Classrooms:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/publishing/booklinks/index.cfm>

Booklist: www.ala.org/booklist

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books: <http://bccb.lis.uiuc.edu/>

Horn Book: <http://www.hbook.com/>

School Library Journal: <http://www.slj.com>

Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA): <http://www.voya.com/>

Movie Licensing

Motion Picture Licensing Corporation: <http://www.mplc.com/>

Movie Licensing USA: <http://www.movlic.com/>

Parent Resources on Reading

Grow Up Reading: <http://www.growupreading.org/>

Features family-friendly information about reading development; book lists and activities for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers; tips on book selection and reading aloud; month by month activities to prepare children in the year before they start kindergarten; and more. From the West Bloomfield Township (MI) Library.

Helping Your Child Become a Reader:

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/reader/part1.html>

This is a multi-page booklet that you can download and give out, or request in hard copy from the U.S. Department of Education. Good tips on what to do at different ages and stages.

Reading Rockets: <http://www.readingrockets.org/>

This national multimedia project offers information and resources on how young children learn to read and why so many struggle. Has downloadable handouts in several different languages of tips for parents of children at various ages.

Zero to Three: <http://www.zerotothree.org/>

Zero to Three's mission is to support the healthy development and well-being of infants, toddlers and their families. There are excellent articles about play, early language, literacy, and more.

Professional Listservs

CCBC-Net: <http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/ccbcnet/default.asp>

Maintained by the Cooperative Center for Children's books in Madison, Wisconsin, this is a site where discussions on pre-selected topics take place, not where general questions are asked.

Child lit: https://email.rutgers.edu/mailman/listinfo/child_lit

An online forum to discuss children's books and issues surrounding them.

PUBYAC: <http://www.pubyac.org/>

A listserv for public children's and young adult librarians

VTYAC:

A listserv for public children's and young adult librarians in Vermont. Contact Grace Greene at grace.greene@state.vt.us to join.

Storytelling

Storybug: <http://www.storybug.net/links.html>

Storyteller Karen Chace has collected a wealth of resources here for the storyteller, librarian and teacher. Topics include: Oral History Resources, Puppets and Puppetry, String Figures sites and Voice Care and Relaxation Techniques.

Storytimes: themes, activities, & crafts

Activity Idea Place: <http://www.123child.com/>

This site has over 1,250 simple activity ideas for young children, including art, crafts, games and songs.

Alphabet Soup: <http://www.alphabet-soup.net/index.html>

Contains thematic units, holiday units, games and activities for kids; teacher and parent resources; and crafts.

Best Kids Booksite Storytime: <http://www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/storytimes.htm>

Has hundreds of songs, crafts and fingerplays searchable by subject. Unfortunately, there are also annoying animated graphics and many ads.

DLTK's Printable Crafts for Kids: <http://www.dltk-kids.com/>

Lots and lots of craft ideas for different subjects and books. (Interestingly, many involve toilet paper rolls!)

Enchanted Learning: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/toddler/>

Hundreds of crafts using things commonly found around the house.

Family Fun: <http://familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts/>

Lots of good craft ideas on this site from the magazine from Disney.

Perpetual Preschool: <http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/>

Lots of story time themes with ideas for books (linked to Amazon), crafts and songs. Ideas are submitted by the public.

Perry Public Library, Perry, Ohio:

http://www.perrypubliclibrary.org/Kids/Programs/storytime_themes.htm

Storytime handouts that include suggested books, rhymes, and activities.

Storytime Ideas: <http://www.squidoo.com>

Themes for librarians and circle time. Ideas from a practicing children's librarian.

Vermont Sites

Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF): <http://www.clifonline.org/>

The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to nurturing a love of reading and writing among children throughout New Hampshire and Vermont.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award (DCF): <http://www.dcfaward.org>

The DCF Award is Vermont's children's choice award for children in grades 4-8.

The Green Mountain Book Award: <http://libraries.vermont.gov/libraries/gmba>

The GMBA is Vermont's children's choice award for students in grades 9-12.

Vermont Center for the Book: <http://www.mothergooseprograms.org>

Check here for info on the Mother Goose programs, the Big Idea and the Red Clover Award.

Vermont Library Association: <http://www.vermontlibraries.org/>

The Vermont Library Association is an educational organization working to develop, promote, and improve library and information services and librarianship in the state of Vermont.

VSLA <https://sites.google.com/site/vermontschoolibraries/>

Website of Vermont's school librarian organization, Vermont School Library Association (formerly VEMA).

Young Adult Services

Reading Rants: <http://www.readingrants.org/> Reading Rants bills itself as "Out of the Ordinary Teen Booklists." Since this site has recently become a blog, teens can respond to the reviews posted by Jennifer Hubert and can write their own.

See YA Around: Library Programming for Teens: <http://www.cplrmh.com/>

Website of librarian/author RoseMary Honnold.

Social networking information: <http://www.ala.org/ala/valsa/profdev/socialnetworking.htm>

Contains links to two useful PDFs: one a brochure for teens and the second a toolkit for librarians.

Teen advisory boards: <http://www.jervislibrary.org/yaweb/TAGs.html>

Information from many libraries on how to start a TAB and what to do once you have one.

YALSA: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/valsa/valsa.cfm>

Information from YALSA, ALA's YA division, about programming, literature and resources.

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